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BLANKET PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

If a paper is untimely filed in this application or any file wrapper continuation application derived therefrom by applicant(s) or her/his/their representative, the Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the minimum extension of time required to make said paper timely. In the event a petition for extension of time is made under the provisions of this paragraph, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) to Deposit Account No. 18-1648. This, however, is not authorization to pay the issue fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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